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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF BHUTTO-KISSINGER MEETING

ALL MAJOR PAPERS FEBRUARY 28 GAVE HEADLINE COVERAGE TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S FRIDAY MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PAKISTAN TIMES SAID NINETY MINUTE DISCUSSION TOPICS WERE GLOBAL SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH ASIA AND BILATERAL RELATIONS, WITH BRIEF MENTION OF THE PAK NUCLEAR PROGRAM. KARACHI DAWN REPORTED THAT TALKS, HELD IN EXTREMELY CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE, COVERED WHOLE RANGE OF WORLD PROBLEMS. PRESS MADE MUCH OF KIND WORDS WHICH THE SECRETARY USED IN HIS DINNER SPEECH, REPORTEDLY DESCRIBING BHUTTO AS "ONE OF THE FEW WORLD STATESMEN WHO HAVE FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE FORCES WHICH SHAPE THE MODERN WORLD," AND REFERRING TO "DIGNITY AND COURAGE WITH WHICH HE HAD RALLIED NATION BEHIND HIM IN MOST TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES." EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE MEETING WAS SPARES. PPP OWNED VERNACULAR MUSAWAT CALLED MEETING A SUCESS AS IT ENJBLED EXCHANGE OF VIEW ABOUT PAK RELATIONS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES. PAPER UNCLASSIFIED

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